

# Dee-ni' Nuu-wee-ya'

### **TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION TRIBAL GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER**

K'wes-taa-ni Num-nii~-ma~s (June) 2020 - Volume 27, Issue 6

## **2020 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS**

At the May 21, 2020 Regular Council meeting, Debbie Boardman, Jaytuk Steinruck, and Scott Sullivan were sworn in as Tribal Council members by Vice-Chairperson Jeri Thompson.

Council officers were elected for the 2020-2021 Council year:

Chairperson: Leann McCallum Vice-Chairperson: Jeri Thompson Secretary: Debbie Boardman Treasurer: Jaytuk Steinruck





This year's election went well. The polls were open 8am-3pm on Election Day, May 16, 2020. We had eight candidates seeking three Council vacancies. We did not have any applicants seeking enrollment with the tribe

#### **2020 Voter Statistics:**

Tribal Citizens Eligible to be Registered Voters: 1,197

**Actual Registered Voters: 783** 

**Total Voters Participating in the 2020 General Election: 421** 

We had 53% participation from registered voters for the 2020 General Election, up 23%, or 187 voters, compared to last year.



LtoR: Andromeda Lopez, Theresa Ferrer, Sandra Netzel, Emily Reed, Don James, Tracie Whipple

We had a total of eighteen ballots rejected. Twelve were rejected due to signature verification. Five ballots were rejected that were placed in the drop box with no signature. We voided the eighteenth ballot because there were two ballots inside one envelope with only one verified signature. The votes from the rejected ballots would not have affected the outcome of the election.

We had three clear winners in this year's election. Scott Sullivan with 235 votes, Jaytuk Steinruck with 206 votes and Debbie Boardman with 190 votes. We also received 14 write-ins.

Emily Reed, Election Board Chair

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Shu' shaa nin-la to the Election Board for all their hard work and long hours put in this year on the petition process, General Election, and the upcoming Special Election, under the unprecedented COVID-19 restrictions!

## ~~~College~~~



Alison Lee; Oregon State University (OSU) in Corvallis, OR, with a Bachelors Degree, and plans to apply to veterinary school and Major in Pre-Vet Animal Science. She is a member of the Pre-Veterinary Medical Association at OSU, and works 25-hours per week at the Albany Pet Hotel. Alison has made the Dean's list every term at OSU.

Alison is the daughter of Becki and Jeff Lee, and great -granddaughter of Letty Ponte. Growing up she attended school in Redding, CA, and Shasta High School. Her parents have always made education a

top priority, and instilled in her a love for school that she still has as a senior in college!

Alison wants to become a veterinarian, and hasn't decided on large or small animal yet. She loves to travel, and is hoping to settle in Oregon because of her love of the Pacific Northwest.



Halle Irvine; Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA, on June 13, 2020. She grew up in Yakima, WA and attended West Valley High School, graduating in 2016 with a 3.93 GPA, top 10% of her class and the state of Washington honors. Halle will have a B.S. in Clinical Physiology with a minor in Physical Rehabilitation Therapy and is currently applying to Physician Assistant School to acquire an M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies and become a board-certified PA.

Halle is the daughter of Tim and Lisa Irvine, and granddaughter of Sharyne Harper. Her Tolowa ancestors include Bertha Stewart, Sylvia White, Joseph Hostler, Joseph LaRichard's, Frank Hostler, Elmer Hostler, Fred Hostler, Darlene Richards, Barbara Fullam, Betty Myers, and Catherine Hostler Richard's.

Halle participated in intercollegiate track & field as a pole vaulter and long jumper, and was a four time all-GNAC recipient in the pole vault (top 3 at conference meet), twice a GNAC champion in the pole vault, twice an NCAA All-American in the pole vault, and a four-time NCAA championships qualifier in the pole vault. She has been the standing CWU Exercise Science Club President for two years. Other accomplishments include four-time GNAC All-Academic recipient, and a three time NCAA Academic All-American. Her junior year (2018-2019), she was the recipient of the CWU Clinical Physiology department scholarship. She has also received the Cobell Academic Scholarship for Native Americans for the past three years, and is graduating from CWU magna cum laude (3.88 GPA), and a Dean's Scholar (Top 5% of her graduating college).



**Rachel Ochoa;** College of the Redwoods Nursing Program, and will be working towards a Master's in Nursing.

Rachel grew up in Brookings, OR, and was homeschooled. She is the daughter of Clayton and Sandra Netzel, and granddaughter of Leon and Gloria Gochanour.

She wants to participate in creating a culture of health which is pro-active vs. reactive, and plans on working as a nurse in the community.



**Haleigh Pavola**: Western Governors University online March 2020. She was raised in Lakeview, Oregon and attended Lakeview Senior High School. She currently received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her future career ambition is to complete her Masters in Medical Administration.

Haleigh's parents are Christy Sarina and Scott Pavola. She is the granddaughter of Elizabeth Sarina (Bravo), daughter of John Dale Bravo, son of Jessamine Farnum, daughter of Sarah Shannon, and daughter of Cha-Met Annie (Born approximately 1840-1877).

Haleigh received the Excellence Award for Organizational Systems and Quality Leadership for her extensive research on foreign health care systems, focusing on the economic impact, universal coverage, and medical advances that influence our current medical system. Her greatest motivation to go to school was being a first-generation college graduate in her family.



**Machelle Bates;** College of the Redwoods, Crescent City, CA, with an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education, and a 4.0 grade average. She has already received an Associates in Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Machelle is the daughter of Malena Stewart, who taught her how to love and care for others. She is the granddaughter of Francis Lopez and Joe Ingram, and great-granddaughter of Edward and Lena Lopez. She could not have gone to school without the support of her father-in-law, Richard Bates. She would also like to mention that without her husband, Lance Bates, and the love and support he gives her every day, she would not

be a successful mom, wife and student.

Machelle grew up in Smith River, CA, and graduated from Sunset High School. She is a mom of 7 children, and is a grandma. She enjoys working on regalia, and is team mom for Klamath Stick Team. She is also active in the community through volunteer work and active at Margaret Keating Elementary School. Machelle was motivated to go to school to improve the quality of life for her family, and to set a good example for her kids. She intends on moving on to Humboldt State University to work on a Bachelor's Degree in social work.



**Paula Rhodes**; University of Idaho with a BSFC (Bachelors of Science Family Consumer Sciences) in Food and Nutrition/Nutrition Option. She graduated from the Honors Program, completing all necessary honors credits. She also participated in the Native American Student Association of the University of Idaho.

Paula plans to work for a Public Health Agency to promote Indigenous Health and Nutrition. She is obtaining her Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of North Dakota, focused on Indigenous Health.

Paula is the daughter of Lynne Moorehead-Webster, and granddaughter of Louise and Louis Moorehead.

Paula's short-term goal is to finish her Master's Degree and move back home. She has been away from home for 10-years. Once home, she plans to work while obtaining a PhD in Indigenous Public Health, and plan on starting a family as well. Her ultimate goal is to be able to serve her community by developing programs and resources for those in need.

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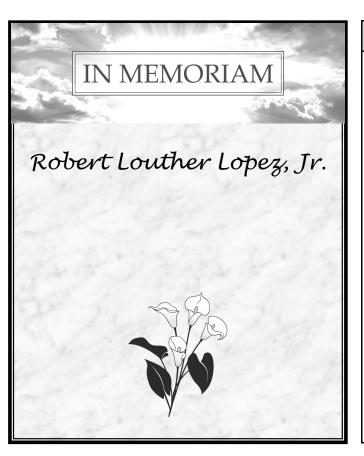
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## Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

Education Committee Meeting 5pm
Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' @ Lucky 7 Casino

Indian Child Welfare Committee Meeting Community and Family Service
Regular Council Meeting 5:30pm
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Closed Meeting) 1pm
On Office

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Regularing 5pm
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MISSION STATEMENT: To exert and protect the inherent sovereignty endowed upon the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation to promote our tribal identity, and the wellbeing of our people, community, and environment by building a strong foundation, managing resources, and perpetuating our cultural lifeways and legacy.

### **2020 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS**



#### Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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Jeri Lynn Thompson Vice Chairperson

Leann McCallum Council Secretary

Cari Nelson

Marvin Richards Sr.

Kara Brundin-Miller Council Member

Dr. Joseph Giovannetti Council Member

**GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - MAY 16, 2020** 

190 Debbie K. Boardman

102 Kara L. Brundin-Miller

135\_ Lenora E. Hall

152 Denise L. Padgette

113 Marvin L. Richards, Sr.

206 Jaytuk D. Steinruck

235 Scott D. Sullivan

55 Jalea E. Walker-Orcutt

CERTIFICATION

Certified to be true and correct count of all votes cast.

Emily Reed -Chair of the Board

Sandra Netzel-Board Member

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Andromeda Lopez-Board Alternate

Tracie Whipple -Board Member

Donald James Board Member

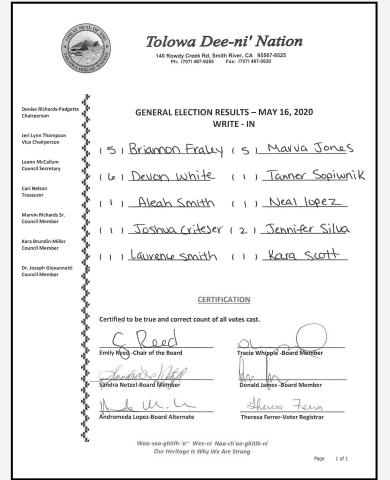
Theresa Ferrer-Voter Registrar

Waa-saa-ghitlh-'a~ Wee-ni Naa-ch'aa-ghitlh-ni Our Heritage Is Why We Are Strong

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## **ATTENTION TRIBAL CITIZENS**

Tribal Council and staff are diligently working on the correct mechanism to broadcast Regular Council meetings to Tribal Citizens. We hope to make this available as soon as possible.





Marvin Richards Sr. Council Member

Kara Brundin-Mille Council Member

Dr. Joseph Giovann Council Member

#### Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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**GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - MAY 16, 2020** 

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(1) Donald Hodges,

(1) Loven Bommelyni

11 Kurt Miller

CERTIFICATION

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## **COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS-April 2020**

#### April 2, 2020—All Councilors Present

M/S/C (Nelson/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve entering into Tribal relationship with FEMA, and sending letter requesting FEMA assistance under Resolution 2020-19; Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Global COVID-19 Pandemic

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Giovannetti/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve, and Chairperson sign, the Hiouchi Trail Agreement

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 6-0-0 Motion to approve submission of repatriation claim 2020.2.PEA

'Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: 0

M/S/C (Thompson/Nelson) 6-0-0 Motion to approve submission of repatriation claim 2020.1.PEA

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: 0

M/S/C (Nelson/McCallum) 6-0-0 Motion to adopt Howonquet Wastewater System Project, with acknowledgement of CA-DNO-49 and with understanding that the final design will accommodate complete avoidance of the known cultural site as delineated by the Natural Investigations Subsurface Testing Report

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: 0

M/S/C (Richards/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-18; Membership Applications (2)

`Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Richards/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-20; Membership Application (1) upon relinquishment

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Nelson/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve amended Higher Education Policy, with modification of Section 5.3

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve amended Council Signature Policy

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Thompson/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve electronic signatures on vendor and payroll checks for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation government, enterprises and non-profits, as approved by Council, and all items listed in Appendix B of the Tribal Council Signature Policy

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Nelson/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to postpone the 2020 General Membership Meeting

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Thompson/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 2020-21; Reclassifying Membership status

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Howonquet Indian Cemetery Protocol sign, with corrections as discussed

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

#### April 9, 2020—All Councilors Present

M/S/C (Nelson/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve absentee ballot process with drop box available at Howonquet Hall on Election Day, May 16, 2020 for the 2020 General Election

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Thompson/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve letter, including Option 2 as discussed, to Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of the Treasurer, regarding COVID-19 funding distribution

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Nelson/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve consultation request letter to California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding possible sport fishing closure due to COVID-19

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Thompson/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign and send letter to the Secretary of the Treasury regarding eligibility of tribal governments to participate in the Payroll Protection Program

Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (McCallum/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve application by Community and Family Services (CFS) for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funding up to \$500,000

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/Nelson) 5-0-1 Motion to approve 2020 THPO funding application in the amount of \$29,758.14

`Ay~: McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Thompson

## **COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS-April 2020**

M/S/C (Miller/McCallum) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Amendment #2 of the Referenced Funding Agreement for Tribal Transportation Funds to add an additional \$250,000, bringing the total to \$319,000,

`Ay~: McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Thompson

M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 6-0-0 Motion to approve sending letter of support to U.S. Department of Transportation for Contour Airlines to continue to be the essential air carrier service to Crescent City, California

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: 0

#### April 16, 2020—All Councilors Present

M/S/C (Miller/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve transfer of \$100,000 from money market account to make hotel loan payments and casino payments

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Richards/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve reopening the Fuel Mart convenience store for one shift per day, offering positions to current laid off staff first

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (McCallum/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Vice-Chairperson sign letter of comment to Del Norte County regarding the Delilah Creek Reed Canary Grass removal project

'Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Nelson/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve OP-2020-01 Digital Media Policy

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

#### April 23, 2020—All Councilors Present

M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Coronavirus Disease-19 (COVID-19) Emergency Response Budget

'Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Community and Family Services (CFS) moving forward with Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) grant proposal

'Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (McCallum/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign NAGPRA Contact Designation Letter

'Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Tribal Collection Management Policy

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to continue distance learning for Howonquet Early Learning Program through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year

'Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

#### April 30, 2020—-All Councilors Present

M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Modification Tribal Consultation Response Letter

'Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Nelson/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve to modification to contract 1950-0911 with LKML Plumbing in the amount of \$47,801.44

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Giovannetti/Richards) 6-0-1 Motion to approve modification of contract 1940-0914 with JB Paint & Drywall in the amount of \$29,640

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Thompson/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve modification of contract 1950-1910 with Red Sky Roofing in the amount of \$36,230

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Thompson/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Letter of Support for Natural Resources Agency Budget Augmentation for Fire Supportsion

'Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Thompson/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve consultation request to California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding Hoof Rot Disease

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette



Translation: 'Ay~=Yes, Duu=No, Xwee-la=Abstain

## **CH'EE-NVK-T'I (ANNOUNCEMENTS)**

The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation received funds from the United States Department of Treasury as part of the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The United States Congress passed emergency federal legislation in March of 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES Act"). The CARES Act allocated \$150 billion to States and Tribal Governments with the national Tribal set-aside totaling \$8 billion.

The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation received an initial payment of \$9.1 million based on a formula derived from Housing & Urban Development (NAHASDA) population numbers equaling 60% of the Tribal set-aside. The remaining 40% distribution of the \$8 billion will be allocated based on a different formula which has not been established which is considering the current lawsuits involving the Alaska Native Corporations that may reduce any monies received by Tribal governments.

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation government has been requested to submit multiple data points to assist with the formulation of a distribution plan. As with other funds that Tribal Nations have received through Federal grants or programs these funds also come with multiple restrictions. These funds may only be used to cover costs that:

- 1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- 2. Funds were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or governments; and
- 3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

Approximately \$4m of the funds will be needed to continue government operations due to lost revenue during the casino closure and lost revenue due to restrictions during the reopening process.

Expenditures must be on activities which prevent, prepare, and/or respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As more details come available on newly budgeted expenditures they will be announced accordingly.



## NOW ENROLLING!

## Give Your Child a

SERVICES INCLUDING

PARENT EDUCATION



DISABILITY AND MENTAL

WELLNESS SUPPORT FOR

**FAMILIES** 

HOWONQUET HEAD START

AGES 3 TO 5 YEARS OLD

BY SEPT PT

TRIBAL PRESCHOOL

AGES 2.9YRS TO 5YRS

ENROLLMENT OPEN UNTIL FULL

HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

SCREENINGS ASSESSMENTS.

Head Start services are free for families who qualify.

Come by the center or call to speak to the Program

Manager if you have questions.

Requirements for Enrollment:

- Completed Application
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records (MUST be up to date)
- Proof of Income/Assistance within the previous 6months
  - Check Stubs
  - o Grant/Scholarships
  - Child Support
  - Housing Verification (if Homeless)
  - o W-2 or 1040
  - Unemployment
  - o TANF Printout
  - ssi verification Applications accepted at:

 Foster Documents (If Applicable)

 Individualized
 Education Plan (IEP (If Applicable)

ents (If TRIBAL OFFICES

QUALITY LEARNING

OPPORTUNITIES TO

PROMOTE CULTURE

AND SCHOOL

READINESS

140 ROWDY CREEK RD SMITH RIVER CA 95567 WE ENCOURAGE FAMILIES OF CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO APPLY

HOWONQUET HEAD START 12840 MOUTH OF SMITH RIVER RD. 707 487 1113

707 487 9255.

Dv-laa-ha~ Tribal Citizens,

Due to COVID-19, this year's Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Summer Youth Employment Program, normally ran June through August, has been canceled.

Throughout the community, programs have been canceled for the safety of our youth. It was a hard decision for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation to cancel the Summer Youth Program knowing the program assists the youth in job experience and skills building for potential career paths.

We will be looking at the calendar to see if there can be changes made to the structure of the program, or what we might be able to incorporate into it next summer. Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation encourages youth, 15 years or older, to apply for next year's Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Summer Youth Employment Program. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A TRIBAL COMMITTEE?

When it is safe to start holding Tribal Committee meetings again, Tribal Council will be appointing Committee Members from those with current Committee Member Applications on file.

Please contact the Administration Office for Committee Member Applications at 707-487-9255, or they can be found on the tribal website:

tolowa-nsn.gov/tribal-forms/

## **ENROLLMENT/ELECTIONS**

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

## SPECIAL ELECTION DAY

Saturday, July 18, 2020







## Saturday, July 18, 2020

Polls open 8 am- 3 pm

Howonquet Hall Community Center 101 Indian Court Smith River, CA 95567

All registered voters will receive a ballot by absentee due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Must be registered to vote before June 8, 2020 to participate in the special election.

For more information, contact: Tribal Administration Office at (707) 487-9255

#### SPECIAL ELECTION TIME LINES

#### **JUNE**

**Post Election Day** 

Monday

And Proposed Amendment Changes

June 1, 2020

Last Day To Register

Monday June 8, 2020

**Mail Out Ballots** n and Official Ballo Tuesday

June 9, 2020

ELECTION DAY (doors open 8:00 am - 3:00 pm) **Howonquet Hall Community Center** 101 Indian Court

Saturday July 18, 2020

Smith River, CA 95567

ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE POLLING PLACE BY 3:00 pm (closing) TO BE VALID

#### Services continue to be available during the COVID-10 crisis:

- Enrollment applications are still available upon request. Please leave a phone message or email with the applicants name and the address to mail the application to. Enrollment meetings are still canceled until further notice so, the applications will not be processed until then.
- Membership Certification (enrollment verification) can still be completed and mailed to you.
- DMV forms can still be received, we are taking the renewal information thru the drop off box outside the Tribal Office or by email. All forms will be mailed to you when completed.
- Mailing address: if your mail is returned Undeliverable, I delete the address and wait for you to contact me with your current address, mailing and residence, plus your current phone number and other family members living in the home. If you are an adult over the age of 18 years old it is your responsibility to keep the Enrollment office updated of any changes.

The address/name change form is available to you on the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation website, periodically in the tribal newsletter, and by calling the Tribal Office. Once completed, you can mail, fax, or email

• If you have recently been married, divorced or had a legal name change the office needs copies of the marriage certificate, driver's license, social security card and any court order document stating the change. The office can not change your information without proper documentation.

Thank you,

Theresa Ferrer, Enrollment Spécialist

tbuckskin@tolowa.com

Phone: 707-487-9255 ext. 1120

Fax: 707-487-0930





**Kaiya Wright;** California State University, Fullerton, CA, with a Master of Science (M.S.) in Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, and will be eligible for dual licensure as a marriage and family therapist (MFT) and a licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC).

Kaiya is the daughter of Jesse Richards Jr. and Laura Richards. Her paternal grandfather is Jesse Richards Sr., son of Eleanor Richards and Floyd Richards Sr. (my two late great-grandparents), and brother to Frank Richards, Janine, and Floyd Richards Jr. She grew up across California, from Humboldt County to

Hollister, California. Her family moved to Huntington Beach, California her freshman year of high school where she attended Edison High School.

Kaiya received the "Outstanding Scientist-Practitioner" award from the Counseling department at Cal State Fullerton for completing outstanding research on her final research project and also demonstrating excellent clinical skills. She completed her master's thesis (final research project) on "Clinical Approaches to Enhancing the Mental Health of Youth Experiencing Juvenile Chronic Pain". Her thesis was motivated by her personal experience of developing fibromyalgia in her early adolescent years and wanting to give back to other youth battling with chronic illnesses. After graduation, she can practice as an MFT associate, which is equated with counseling individuals while under the direct supervision of a licensed counselor. After completing 3000 hours required for licensure, she may take the tests to become a fully licensed MFT and LPCC.





Elizabeth Hernandez is graduating from Grace Davis High School in Modesto, CA. She will attend Stanislaus State in the fall to study Art. She would love to be a concept artist or an animator.

Her mother is Misty Ann Hernandez (Whipple) and her father is Christopher Edwards Hernandez. Her grandfather was James "Ricky" Whipple and her great grandfather was James Wesley Whipple.

She participated in many art groups online. Elizabeth also took AP classes in Science, Biology and World

History. Her advice would be "Don't let your own doubt or other people's doubts stop you. Stay humble and don't be scared of talking things out with others."



Hannah Mae Husberg (Richards) is the daughter of Lisa Richards and Robert Husberg Jr. of Smith River. She is the granddaughter of Murray and Shirley Richards, Myrtle and Robert Husberg Sr, and Candace and Michael Penney.

Hannah graduated from Castle Rock Charter School in March. Hannah has been on the honor roll throughout high school and has been working at the House of Howonquet for over two years.

Hannah plans to continue working and attend College of the Redwoods in the fall. Hannah has a strong will and will succeed at anything she puts her mind to. We all so very proud of the young woman she has become and look forward to seeing her attain her goals.

## ~~~High School~~~



Ashlin Kelly grew up in Gresham, Oregon and went to school at Sam Barlow High School and Center of Advanced Learning (CAL) and attended their medical program.

Her parents are Brandy and Christopher Kelly. Her ancestors include Patti Kelly, Eva Bravo Moody, Jessamine Bravo Farnum, Sarah Channon and Cha'Met. Ashlin plans to become a licensed body piercer and tattoo artist. Her advice to everyone is "Go for it, get that future coin."



Autinayea Alveretta Bommelyn is set to graduate from Castle Rock Charter School in June 2020.

Her ancestors have Tolowa, Karuk and Yurok affiliations; Eunice Bommelyn, Jim Bommelyn, Chuck Donahue and Alveretta Green. Autinayea's parents are Will and Macy Bommelyn, she also has a plethora of aunties, uncles, and close friends supporting her journey.

Her grade point average is a 4.0 and she plans to become a masseuse or a cosmetologist, reminding you to always do what makes you happy and don't ever, ever be afraid to ask questions.



Elizabeth Lindke is graduating from high school. Her grandfather is William Sesher, greatgrandmother is Letty Cook, and great-great grand-parents are John and Minnie Cook from Hiouchi. Great-great-great grandparents are Kate Billie (Lake Earl) and Little Bob (Smith River Island). Great-great-great-great grandfather is Rock Billie (Lake Earl).



Jadelin Castellaw graduated from Del Norte High School. Her mother is Mattie Castellaw (Bommelyn), grandfather William Henry Bommelyn Sr, greatgrandmother Eunice Bommelyn of Nii-lii~chvn-dvn, and great great-grandparents Alice Charlie and Billy Henry.

She was on the Honor Roll for her grades. She has taken a number a college classes at College of the Redwoods to work towards her General Education. She plans on attending Chico State in the fall, Majoring in Business. Her goal is to own her own café/restaurant one day. Her passion is cooking/baking and hiking. Her advice to others would be

"Stay focused, and keep your eye on your goals."

Congratulations to Jadelin~~~She has been awarded the Bernice Humphrey Scholarship and is co-recipient of the Murray Richards Scholarship. Both scholarships are sponsored by Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation and awarded to applicants through Del Norte Scholarship Foundation.

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Joseph James (Kai) Baugh graduated from Del Norte High School. His parents are Suntayea Steinruck & Rex Green and Joe & Crystal Baugh. Kai is an 8<sup>th</sup> generation Tolowa Dee-ni' from 5<sup>th</sup> great grandfathers; San-tas + Tree-dinlh-'i~ to his great mother Eunice Henry Bommelyn.

Kai is an avid sportsman. From years of baseball, basketball and football. His football positions were running back, linebacker, defensive end, and defensive lineman. Kai also participated in 4-H for four years. Junior High Basketball he was awarded 2 All-tourney awards, All-tourney AAA, Football-2019 High School League Champions., section winners, state bowl

awards, All-tourney AAA, Football-2019 High School League Champions., section winners, state bowl game. Football honors-White Star and Friday Night Lights Out Award for Defensive Play on Varsity Football. Kai's words of advice would be "When the times get rough, the key to success is perseverance."



Riley Allen graduated from Soquel High, near Santa Cruz. She plans to attend their local Junior College Cabrillo to complete her General Education.

During her academic years she was in leadership, years of dance, even competing dance. She also played tennis. Riley was in Honors Math and English.

She would like to be part of the FBI as part of the forensics pathology team.



Tessa Kliever-Kerr is graduating from Cleveland High School in Portland. She plans on attending Whitman College in Walla Walla Washington, for Psychology.

Her parents are Christina and John. She was part of the

National Honor's Society, student counsel, helping the homeless club, and played tennis all 4 years. Her advice is "Live a life true to yourself."



are "You can do it!"

Zachariah Dungan graduated from Sunset High School in Crescent City, CA.

His mother is Christy Crawford. He is a descendant of Alice Henry, Evelyn Green, Nadine Green and Florinda Salcedo.

He had honors through school. His words of advice for others



Evelynne Jacobs is the daughter of Ericka Jacobs. Grandfather is Eric Brundin, and Greatgrandfather Thomas Brundin Jr.

Congratulations to
Evelynne~~~She has been
awarded the Marian Lopez
Scholarship and is corecipient of the Murray
Richards Scholarship. Both
scholarships are sponsored
by Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation and
awarded to applicants
through Del Norte
Scholarship Foundation.

## ~~~8th Grade~~~



Allie Castellaw graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Redwood Elementary School. Her mother is Mattie Castellaw (Bommelyn), grandfather William Henry Bommelyn Sr, great-grandmother Eunice Bommelyn of Nii-lii~chvndvn, and great great-grandparents Alice Charlie and Billy Henry.

She was on the Honor Roll for her grades. Allie loves playing volleyball and cheerleading. Her advice to others "Be yourself. Don't ever change for others."



Billy Sesher is graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Winship Middle School. His mother is Sabrina Boschee and father is Philbert Sesher. His Grandfather is William Sesher, Great Grandmother Letty Ponte, Great Grandmother Mini Cooke.

He was a 4.0 Honor Roll student. Billy says "Life isn't going to live itself, you have to decide what you are going to do with it. Throw it away, or make something of it."



Chase Owen graduated 8th grade from Smith River School. He is the son of Wade and Deanna Owen, and descendant of Cornelius Moorehead.

Chase participated in band and basketball for 3 years. He also played soccer and was in the chess club. He was on the Honor Roll with a 4.0 GPA, won district chess competition, and his basketball team won the Epperson Tournament this year. His advice to others is that with hard work, grit and determination, anything can be achieved!



Jonah Dobrec graduated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Horse Heavens Hills Middle School, in Kennewick, WA. Jonah is the son of Doug and Johanna Dobrec. His ancestors go back to Captain Tom and family.

Jonah has been very active in sports, particularly baseball. He pitches and plays third base. He enjoys baseball, camping, fishing and his xbox. Jonah's words of advice would be "Do good deeds daily" and "Always be yourself."



Kevin Keuth graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Crescent Elk Elementary School in Crescent City, CA. His passion is skateboarding.

His mother is Christy Crawford. He is a descendant of Alice Henry, Evelyn Green, Nadine Green and Florinda Salcedo.

He participated in and enjoyed playing basketball. His words of advice for others are "Work Hard!"



Madison Bommelyn graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Redwood Elementary School.

Her parents are Allen and Shelly Bommelyn. Her great grandmother is Eunice Bommelyn of Niilii~chvn-dvn, and great great grandparents are Alice Charlie and Billy Henry.

She loves, and participated in cheerleading.



Maile Horn is graduating from Scotia Union School and attending Fortuna High School.

Her father is Rod Horn and mother is Collette Niles. Her ancestors are John and Minnie Cooke, Letty Ponte and Donna Haynes.

She enjoyed playing volleyball. She also joined band and played the flute for two years. Maile's advice is "Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening, it just stops you from enjoying the good."



Alia Vistalli-Alvarado graduated from Lee Middle School. Alia has been on the Honor Roll.

Her tribal ancestors include Melissa Vistalli, Judith Cox and Evelyn Blagden.



Matthew Gregory Bravo graduated St. Clare Catholic School,in North Palm Beach, FL. He desires to be a lawyer.

Matthew's parents are Susan and Wade Bravo. His ancestors are Henry Brown, Sarah Shannon, and Joel Bravo.

While in school he enjoyed playing baseball and volleyball. He received First Honor Role in school. His words of advice would be "Never give up."



"TJ" Travis Joseph Napua Kahoalii is the son of Travis William and Jody Kay Kahoalii

His tribal ancestors include Travis Kahoalii, Deanna Kahoalii, Marian Lopez, Ada Richards, Sam Lopez.

This year TJ is graduating from 8th grade at the Whitman Middle School in Whitman, Massachusetts. TJ has earned High Platinum honors, and a 4.0 GPA all three years at Middle school. He is a critical thinker that is devoted to learning.

TJ has played soccer for the Boston Bolts for 8 years, and is currently on the Boston Bolts Development Academy (DA). He is the captain of the team and plays the 6<sup>th</sup> position of Defensive Center Midfielder. He has been identified and invited to the US Soccer National ID center to train. His dream is to be an impact player for the US National Soccer team and become a professional soccer player.

TJ has been playing baseball for the Mass Hitmen for 8 years as a shortstop and pitcher.

His words of Advice: "I believe you should always challenge yourself and stretch beyond your comfort zone. Always give 100% effort in everything you do and never give up. With self-discipline, anything is possible."



## **2020 CENSUS INFORMATION**

## Census Identifier Number

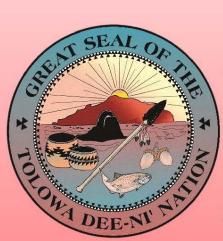
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There is an increased importance of including your Census Identifier Number when responding to the 2020 Census.



Responding without the identifier number may cause you to have to redo your response to be accurately tied to your address. While responses without the number will still be counted, there is a chance it will not be properly tied to your addresses.

This change is related to the new realities of the US Census system capacity due to COVID-19 impacts.



If you have not received your census packet yet, it is BEST to wait until you DO before responding online or by phone. This will allow you to include the identifier number from your census packet.

https://2020census.gov/en/mailings.html

### **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

<u>Higher Education Program (HEP):</u>

All HEP funded students should have received a letter from the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Education Department. This letter explains the recent changes to the Higher Education Program. The Tribal Council approved \$4,000.00 per year. Also, funding will **not** be available for the summer, 2020 term. These changes may be reviewed at a later date. So far, the funding cap has not changed, but there is always a possibility of it being lowered in the future.

**Announcement:** Every student must send in their semester/quarter grades no matter if you have graduated or are taking a break from school. If you do not submit your grades you could be liable for the funding that you received per Higher Education Policy and Procedures CFS-17-01; CFS-17-01 PR.

**Tolowa Language Program:** 

Dv-laa-ha~. The Wee-ya (language) program has cancelled all community children can use the cape to act like David. and Headstart/ELC classes until further notice. Once the virus has subsided, classes will be scheduled.

Kyle Hinshaw, our TDN language teacher, has been organizing language files, reviewing language materials, listening to past recordings of elders for word fluency, and translated a book for Head Start called, "Why Coyote has the Best Eyes."

Since the Del Norte School District is still in session, Kyle is continuing his Tolowa I & II curriculum for his high school students.

Education Department staff are focusing on the ANA Language grant. This year's grant has a focus on hiring a curriculum writer for the Tolowa I and II classes. We have the objective of addressing all learning styles within each lesson. The intent of lesson writing is to have each language lesson contain a tactile, written, listening and speaking component for each objective. The ANA Language grant is due on July 1, 2020.

**Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Library:** 

The Education Department has written, completed and filed for the FY2020 Library Basic Grant. The IMLS Library Grant will sustain our current operations and services. There are three new goals for this grant year. The first is to have a regalia necklace making NDNtivity. This will be a one day workshop type class.

The second NDNtivity is to start and plant indigenous plants. All ages and families may participate in both of these NDNtivity offerings. The workshops will be held at the TDN Library located at 110c First Street, Smith River, CA 95567. The Education Department will advertise the schedule of events at a later date.

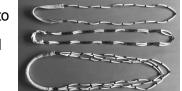
A new innovative idea that has been written into the FY20 Library Grant is called the "Book Bag" program. The idea behind this program is to build book bags with a popular themed book, coloring sheets/book, crayons, model, toy, and activity sheet. Then, Tribal children/youth may check out the book bag, read the book, complete the activity list, and return the book bag to the Library. Then, they can check out the next book bag. It would be like having a cape in the book bag titled, "No, David" so that

**Education:** 

Summer Youth camp may or may not be cancelled for the 2020 summer session. Until the COVID-19 passes, it is unclear how many Tribal activities and events will take place.

If you have ideas or suggestions that you would like the Education Department to include in Youth Camp, please let me know. I will include it on the planning notes.

Here are samples of the graduation necklaces to be given to the 2020 graduates: 8<sup>th</sup> grade will receive a single strand necklace, 12<sup>th</sup> grade will receive a double strand necklace, and college level will receive a triple strand necklace.



If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please contact Lenora Hall, 707-487-9255, ext. 1190, lenora.hall@tolowa.com or Mattie Castellaw, 707-487-9255, ext. 1550, mattie.castellaw@tolowa.com.

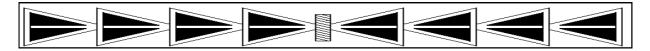
### STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Hello, I am Tyshiina Jacobs. I am currently a sophomore at Southern Oregon University located in Ashland Oregon. I am a Pre-Nursing major at the moment, but will be applying to Nursing schools to receive my BSN this fall, and I intend to also receive a minor in psychology. Then, eventually get my masters in Nursing to be a Nurse practitioner

What motivated me to go to school is becoming a Nurse, which requires higher education. I love helping others and making sure they're okay and comfortable, but I especially want to be in a specific field. I would like to be in oncology which is helping cancer patients, because my grandma passed away from cancer and seeing her how she was makes me want to be able to help cancer patients and making them feel comfortable while they go through their disease. Most importantly I want my siblings to look up on what I am doing so eventually they will want to further their education as well.

After college, I would like to come back to Crescent City to help out the community. I also would advise high schoolers who are interested in going to college to stay focused, and to continue to fight through the hard parts. It really pays off in the end.



## **CH'EE-NVK-T'I (ANNOUNCEMENTS)**

As summer is approaching and the days are getting warmer and people are preparing for adventures outside, the Natural Resources Department would like to remind everyone to continue to be mindful of our human footprint. Here are some tips to consider this summer:

#### 1. Go green during outdoor festivities:

- Bring reusable containers and utensils for your food
- Bring a large communal dispenser for drinks or a reusable water bottle for individuals
- If you're going to grill, gas grills leave a smaller carbon footprint than using charcoal. If you don't have access to a gas grill, buy lump charcoal (as opposed to briquettes) and light them with a chimney (as opposed to lighter fluid).

#### 2. Leave no trace:

- Common trash from consumer goods makes up the majority of what eventually becomes marine debris, polluting our waterways and oceans.
- Plastics in the aquatic environment are of increasing concern because of their persistence and effect on the environment, wildlife, and human health.





#### 3. Use alternative sunscreen:

The sunscreen you apply may not stay on your skin. When we swim or shower, sunscreen may wash off and enter our waterwavs.

How sunscreen chemicals can affect marine life:

- Green Algae: Can impair growth and photosynthesis.
- Coral: Accumulates in tissues. Can induce bleaching, damage DNA, deform young, and even kill.
- Mussels: Can induce defects in young.
- Sea Urchins: Can damage immune and reproductive systems, and deform young.
- Fish: Can decrease fertility and reproduction, and cause female characteristics in male fish.

How we can protect ourselves and aquatic life:
Seek shade between 10 am & 2 pm, use Ultraviolet Protection Factor (UPF) sunwear, and choose sunscreens with chemicals that don't harm aquatic life.

#### 4. Be mindful of what you put in your burn piles:

Do NOT burn the following material

- Asbestos
- Asphalt or industrial waste
- Automotive parts (including frames)
- Dead animals
- Plastic and rubber products
- Tires
- Waste oil, petroleum treated and related materials
- Wet garbage and food waste
- Any material creating dense smoke or noxious odors

Choose alternatives to open burning

- Recycle paper products when possible
- Dispose of waste at a landfill
- Compost yard debris and kitchen scraps
- Reuse old lumber
- Buy a chipper and use chips for mulch and compost.



## 2020 Census Safety

Here are some tips to avoid fraudulent activity and scams.

#### **Phishing**

Phishing is the criminal act of trying to get your information – usernames, passwords, social security numbers, and bank account or credit card account details – by pretending to be an entity you trust. Phishing e-mails often direct you to a website that looks real, but is fake, and may be infected with malware.

#### **OTHER SCAMS**

You may be the victim of a scam if someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau asks you for certain information. The Census Bureau

NEVER asks for:

- your full Social Security number
- money or donations
- anything on behalf of a political party
- your full bank or credit card account numbers
- vour mother's maiden name

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Should you suspect fraudulent activity, please do the following:

-if you get mail, check that the return address is Jeffersonville, Indiana

-if you continue to question the authenticity of the letter or form call the Regional Office for your state to verify the household survey.

-if someone calls your household to complete a survey, call the National Processing Center to verify the caller is a Census Bureau employee

-if someone visits your residence to complete a survey please check first for a <u>valid</u> <u>U.S. Census Bureau ID badge</u>

-if you are still unsure then call the Regional Office for your state to verify you are in a legitimate survey and the visitor is a Census Bureau employee

-if you get an e-mail and think it is bogus:



do not reply, do not click on any links, and do not open any attachments

forward the e-mail or website URL to the Census Bureau at ois.fraud.reporting@census.gov

There will be an investigation and the Census Staff will notify you of the findings.

#### **Welcome New Staff**



Dv-laa-ha~

My name is Rudy Lopez. I am a proud Dee-ni' citizen and a father of 4 amazing young Tolowas.

I have a passion for our community and longevity of our culture and resources. I love to learn, understand and teach in anyway I can to give back to our Coming Generations, In same way it was Given to me.

I am Honored and excited to join the Natural Resources Team and will do my best to be an asset to our people and Strengthen, Preserve and Protect our Indigenous Resources.

Most of you, I may already know and the ones that don't, I'd love to make that connection. Were all family here.

Shu' shaa nin-la



#### **Book of the Month**

This is a first-hand account of Indian stories, lore, and anecdotes which graphically catches the mood of the early inhabitants of the Northern California coast. Such works are rare, and despite the disclaimer by the authors, the material forms a valuable source book for all interested in western heritage.

From its pages come Indian stories telling of the creation of Humboldt Bay, the origin of landmarks of the Klamath River and the life about it. Language of the native informants adds color to the tales which vie with the best of folk stories found anywhere in the world.

Many aspects of Indian life-home building, fishing, even the making of glue-are described, and anecdotes contain a fasci-

nating blend of attitudes, facts and fancy which turn back the pages of history and bring to life the Yuroks, the Tolowas, and their neighbors of the California Northwest.

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#### **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES**

#### **Native American Child Victim Advocacy Project**

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation's Child Victim Advocacy Project, administered by Community and Family Services, is providing services virtually and telephonically during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Child victim services include cultural healing activities, cultural youth group activities, and ongoing case management as well client specific advocacy. Services are individualized and may include any combination of the following:

- Crisis Support- emergency food, clothing and shelter assistance. Transportation, medical accompaniment, and assistance with completing agency forms.
- Criminal Justice Support- court and appointment accompaniment, transportation, advocacy on behalf of the child victim, and crisis intervention.
- Culturally-centered therapies healing activities such as art therapy, and peer support to promote resiliency and emotional healing and wellness
- Cultural group activities such as regalia making, practices and protocols, storytelling, and Tolowa language
- Ongoing case management safety planning, identification of resources available to the victim, counseling, referral and support advocacy

#### **Coming Soon!**

We are working diligently to implement the Positive Indian Parenting Curriculum, developed by National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). The Curriculum includes parent coaching assistance and parent or caregiver parenting groups and will be open to the Tribal community.

If you are interested in learning more about our services please contact our Child Victim Advocate for details.

Tara Lopez-Eck

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Cell: 707-954-4544

Email: tara.lopez@tolowa.com

**The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program** is still working with clients, at a safe distance.

The Shu'-'aa-xuu-dvn Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault is adapting to changes due to Covid-19 Guidelines. While the guidelines have changed the way we serve our community, we are still able to provide the essential services to those in need.

Our program division has changed scheduling around so that our building never has more than 10 people at one time. We have increased the number of bus passes given to clientele due to the current inability to offer personal transportation.

Our staff has found, and will continue to find, creative ways to serve from a safe distance. For example, the DV/SA staff is in the process of adapting services to be more easily provided by telephone, teleconferencing, and quick outside visits when necessary to ensure services continue during social distancing.

Lastly, we feel that our increased collaboration with other tribal and non-tribal partners is a silver lining during this time of global hardship and uncertainty.



Community and Family Services

Tolowa Dee'ni Nation

#### **Welcome New Staff**

Zak'ry Conger was hired on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 as Community and Family Services Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program Manager.

A Professional Clinical Counselor by trade, Zak'ry brings a breadth of Social work knowledge and experience. Zak'ry is a graduate of Pacific University earning a Master's in Clinical Psychology. After graduating, he moved back to Del Norte County to both be close to family and to complete his licensure requirements. Moving back home in 2015 was an exciting chance to use his skills and expertise to help the community and culture he cherishes.

Along with Dee Hall, Conger's parents played an instrumental role in opening up the first domestic violence shelter in Crescent City, Ca. He is very proud to continue his family's legacy of helping victims of crime navigate some of life's hardest challenges.

Zak'ry joins a team of dedicated and skilled professionals in the CFS department of the Tolowa Nation, and is excited to help serve the community to the best of his abilities.

Please join us in welcoming Zak'ry to our team!

### **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Family Services—-Community and Family Services is still providing services during the pandemic. May was National Foster Care month and we worked on recruiting materials and training. CFS is working on parenting courses based on the National Indian Child Welfare Association-Positive Indian Parenting. The approach will be twofold: Group Parenting Classes and Individual One to One Coaching. PIP focuses on traditional and culturally specific parenting practices and values. We will explore attitudes in a variety of traditional child-rearing ways and apply them to values and challenges of modern parenting skills. During May, we focused Michael and Kathleen are active in the Del Norte Opioid consortium that on internal improvement and training. The child welfare program provides both ICWA and Tribal Services.

We have received several new grant awards in April and May. The first is an award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The goal is to "Decrease the prevalence of substance abuse among Native Americans in Del Norte and Curry County by increasing access to effective, evidence based, culturally responsive to the target population services, including case management and co-occurring mental health disorders to address high-risk behaviors, assess risk and protective factors, and drug/alcohol use." This grant is a response to the COVID-19 pandemic appropriated by Congress.

**Substance Abuse Program—-**The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Substance Abuse Program, administered by Community and Family Services, is working through the COVID-19 crisis. Michael and Kathleen can work with you through many crises, including those brought on by the stay at home order. During times of high stress, such as the current pandemic, we

expect to see some relapse events. If this happens, we still serve our clients to support them through a healthy resolution.

Many of our clients deal with anxiety. Staff can assist by developing a plan to have a schedule throughout their day. We have not turned away any clients, even though we are working on a reduced schedule with the rest of the TDN employees. We have added to our client base and are now serving families as far north as Gold Beach.

addresses the Opioid epidemic in Del Norte and Tribal Lands and are working with United Indian Health Services to support the Medication Assisted Treatment (Suboxone) Clinic.

While we are not conducting groups due to the COVID-19 regulations, we are developing a plan to conduct group meeting through Zoom. We are here to support and heal the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation community.

If you know of someone who would benefit from this program please refer them to us at 707-487-9255.

Michael Harling, ext. 1195 Kathleen Daignault, ext. 1172 Respectfully,

Michael Harling CADC II Kathleen Daignault RADT



Native American children are dispoportiantly represented in the child welfare system in California and Oregon.

What can we do to help our families succeed? **Consider becoming a Foster Parent** 

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Community and Family Services Department is actively recruiting foster care homes and permanent homes for all age groups in all of the five county service area. If you are unable to provide full time foster care please consider supporting both the children in care and their care givers.

#### **Our Five County Service Area:**

- Del Norte County, CA
- · Humboldt county, CA
- · Coos County, OR
- · Curry County, OR
- · Josephine County, OR

#### Learn how you can help.

Call Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Community and Family Services at (707) 487-9255, ext.1403

Get inspired, get answers, and get involved! https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/

Not in our five county service area? Call us and we can point you in the right direction to become a Foster Parent for your community





## Tribal TANF

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is accepting applications during this Pandemic Emergency (COVID-19)

Has your family lost income due to the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Tolowa Dee-ni' NationTribal TANF is available to Native families with children under 18, living in the following counties: Humboldt & Del Norte in California and Curry, Coos and Josephine in Oregon\*.

> Our Tribal TANF Program has 3 levels of assistance that you may be eligible for.

\*Oregon residents: Eligibility is open to other citizens of federally recognized American Indian/Alaskan native tribes. Call for details



Call Community & Family Services for eligibility information at 707-487-3183.

### **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES**

#### **CFS Staff Locations:**

110 W First Street

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program
Substance Abuse Counseling (located in modular)

16299 US HWY 101 N

Family Services

TANF

Tribal Services – burial, elder emergency assistance, general assistance, medical assistance, catastrophic emergency

#### You may be eligible for some of the following programs:

#### **Burial Assistance:**

#### **Available to all Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens**

- Obtain and complete an application for assistance, along with all information needed for assistance: name of funeral home, etc.
- CFS staff will contact the funeral home and request the following: death certificate, and burial bill.
- There is a max allowance of \$3,500 for assistance. **IF**, there are funds left over, the remaining balance may be awarded to an heir, or next of kin to the deceased.

#### **Catastrophic Emergency Assistance:**

## Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and Humboldt)

- Payment may be provided to individuals or families who suffer fire, flood, or other destruction of their home and loss or damage to personal possessions. TDN will make payments only for essential needs and other non-medical necessities.
- Reasonable effort shall be made to avoid duplication of assistance that may be provided by another agency.
- Eligibility:
  - ♦ TDN Citizen must be 18 years and older
  - Primary residence of the applicant, provide verification
  - Primary residence is within the 5 county service area
  - ♦ Apply within two (2) weeks of home disaster

#### **Elder Emergency Assistance:**

## Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and Humboldt)

- Obtain and complete an application for assistance.
- Completed and accepted applications will be eligible for a maximum allowance of \$500 per calendar year.

#### **General Assistance:**

## Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and Humboldt)

- Provides financial assistance to eligible Tribal Citizens with a goal to increase self-sufficiency. This is accomplished through specific steps an individual will take to increase independence as outlined in his/her Individual Self-Sufficiency Plan (ISP)
- Obtain and complete an application for general assistance. Applicants MUST submit all information required, in order for an application to be complete.
- Applicants with children must apply for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and submit an approval or denial letter.
- Applicants who are disabled and unable to work must apply for other financial assistance, such as State Disability, SSI/SSP, SSD, Workers compensation, etc.
- Applicants who are able to work, must apply with TDN TERO dept.,

- and your local workforce center.
- Applicants also must apply for food stamps in your county, and submit approval or denial letter.
- Applicants must pass a drug test.

#### **Medical Assistance:**

#### Available to all Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens

- This program was established to benefit and enrich the lives of our Tribal Citizens by providing transportation/lodging reimbursements for medical care not available in their community.
- Medical Assistance Grant Awards, annual maximum allowance shall not exceed \$750.
- \$75 for trips one-way from 50 199 miles, or \$150 for trips one-way from 200 + miles, from a Tribal Citizens home.
- Payments are not made retro actively; Tribal Citizens have the responsibility to request assistance prior to appointment date, or in the case of an emergency, ten (10) business days of the appointment.
- Enrolled Citizens of Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation may choose to use their medical assistance on behalf of their legal spouse, but the allowance will not exceed the payment standard in any applicable category.

#### **Hospitalization Assistance:**

- Available for members or their spouse who are hospitalized. Members or their spouses are eligible for \$100 a day after a verified hospitalization of three (3) consecutive days; up to, and not to exceed, \$1,000 for inpatient treatment.
- Limited to one per calendar year per member.

#### **Consecutive Treatment/Long Term Therapy:**

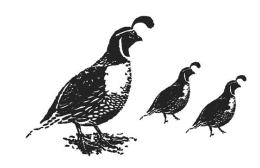
- Long term therapy or consecutive treatment is available for certain life threatening conditions including, but not limited to, cancer, renal failure, neurological disorders and coronary heart disease.
- Is intended to help offset the cost of extended and/or repeated treatments such as chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and kidney dialysis.
- Limited to one per calendar year per member.

## NCIDC LIHEAP- Energy Assistance: Contact Monica Calvillo Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens who reside in Del Norte or Humboldt County ONLY

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation has exhausted it's LIHEAP funds for the year.
 Contact NCIDC direct to check availability.

\*\*\*Due to COVID-19 Social Distancing regulations, you may be able to submit applications to NCIDC via phone or email. Contact NCIDC for more information at 707-464-3512.

Please remember that all programs are here to assist members in a time of need AND are made possible with available funding.



## **HOWONQUET(XAA-WAN'-K'WVT) ELDER NUTRITION CENTER**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
Chili Relleno Bake	Turkey Burger	Clam Chowder	Chef's Salad	Breakfast
8 Vegetable Soup & 1/2 Egg Salad Sandwich	9 Ham and Cheese Pie	10 Chili	11 BBQ Chicken	12 Ground Beef Taco Salad
15	16	17	18	19
Veggie Burger	Spaghetti	Chicken Posole Soup	Sweet and Sour Pork	Chicken Salad
22	23	24	25	26
Pasta Salad	Chicken Fiesta	Beef and Barley Soup	Fish and Chips	Ground Beef Enchilada
29 Veggie Chili	30 Hot Dog w/Bun			

\*\*\*\*Lunch by delivery only until further notice in response to COVID-19 pandemic. \*\*\*\*

**Suggested donations:** Elders 55+, \$2 (some are free)

Under 55, \$7

Reserve Lunch @ 707-487-0215 press option 3

K'wes-taa-ni Num-nii~-ma~s (June)

Cynthia Parry

### Maa~-xuslh-ghalh Sri'-lhxvn (Birthday Happy) K'wes-taa-ni Num-nii~-ma~s (June)

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## **CH'EE-NVK-T'I (ANNOUNCEMENTS)**











## When do I need to contact Enrollment?

- Changes to your NAME
- Changes to your ADDRESS
- Changes to your PHONE NUMBER
- Changes to your EMAIL ADDRESS

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is reaching out to Tribal members with special announcements through mail, phone calls, and text messages.

## Please keep your contact information current!

A change of contact information form is now available on the website, too:

https://www.tolowa-nsn.gov/contact-information-change-form/

Call Enrollment at (707) 487-9255.

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#### K'WES-TAA-NI NUM-NII~-MA~S (JUNE)

### Dear Friends,

During these unprecedented times, we have watched while the public health situation and its effects have brought us all to a moment of pause. It has been a time of reflection, disruption and reminding us of the joy of being together.

We have heard from so many of our friends and guests that they can't wait to come be with us again. We are very grateful for all the kind words and support. We are looking forward to carefully and cautiously re-opening and once again being your place for fun, excitement, relaxation and getting away from it all.

In beginning to consider how to re-open, our planning has centered on safety for our guests and staff. We have drawn guidance from the CDC, our state and local health officials as well innovations from our industry colleagues. Best-practices were adapted for our situation toward a careful, multi-phased opening over time.

There will be disturbances to what we are used to as we adjust to our new community situation. We hope to make these of

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minimal impact while providing a fun, and safe environment. We are grateful and proud of the strength, care and patience of our guests and staff as they go through these turbulent times and phases of opening with us.

We will continue close monitoring of the public health situation. While in-depth research and consultation has helped form our planning, we know the situation can rapidly change and we will continue to look for new, best practices and guidance. Our final offical plans will be a living document used to continually develop safety into our brand and experience.

Thank you for your continued support for us and our team. We will continue our focus on safety and health for our guests, staff and community as we look forward to creating many more wonderful memories and experiences at Lucky 7 Casino & Hotel.

John Scott

General Manger

Lucky 7 Casino & Hotel

